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Speeches

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Dulles

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. In preparation for your exchange with The Meet the Press personnel on 22 December 1961, you may wish to read the attached transcript of Secretary Rusk's News Conference of 17 November 1961, where on several occasions he stated it would not be helpful for him to speculate on certain points.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] tells me that regarding Castro, there is a growing opinion that neither Fidel Castro nor Che Guevara is in the driver's seat for the Communists in Moscow, but that the up-coming Communist leader who may already have arrived is Blas Roca.

4. I think, the Agency's position on Castro has been one that you can point to with pride. True, we didn't brand him a Communist, but on every occasion we stated that he acted like one, and was more useful to Moscow during the early phases of the revolution because he had proclaimed he was not a Communist, and in that way, gained sympathy of democratic peoples, who believed he was heading an agrarian, anti-dictator revolution.

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